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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 14, 2003, please amend the application as follows

In the claims:

Cancel claims 4, 7, 8. Add new claims 24 and 25.

Amend claims 1, 2, 9, and 12 as follows.

1. A method of inhibiting formation of an atherosclerotic lesion comprising administering to a mammal a compound that reduces expression of AFABP, wherein said AFABP comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 and wherein a reduction in AFABP expression inhibits formation of an atherosclerotic lesion and wherein said compound comprises an nucleic acid comprising 10-100 nucleotides, the sequence of said nucleotides being complementary to a coding sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

2. A method of inhibiting formation of an atherosclerotic lesion in a mammal, comprising identifying a mammal in need of said inhibition, and introducing to said mammal a